



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT

October 2008

Aquatic Center Feasibility Study

The draft feasibility report is complete and will be reviewed by SPLASH and the YMCA prior to an expected Park Board presentation in November. The study analyzes seven locations and five program options and also discusses a potential regional approach. Specific recommendations for program or site selection will not be provided.

Ashwood Park Plaza Construction

Substantial completion of the plaza has occurred and punchlist items are being addressed. Final completion is expected to occur the end of October.

Ashwood Park Master Plan

Staff is developing an RFP for consultant selection for master plan work. We anticipate retaining a consultant by the end of the year, with master planning to begin in early '09.

Bellevue Botanical Garden Master Plan Update

The Master Plan report is in final draft review. A request for Council to adopt the plan has been tentatively scheduled in November.

Bellevue Youth Theatre Design & Ivanhoe Lease Agreement

A contract has been signed with the architectural firm of Becker & Associates to complete the design of a new facility at Crossroads and renovations to the Ivanhoe facility. Schematic design is now underway.

Bel-Red Corridor Study

At their September 9 meeting, the Park Board did not oppose a proposed change to the park and open space plan necessitated by the Wright-Runstead Plan for the former Safeway parcel, though expressed concern about the lack of regulatory authority proposed in the land use code to implement the park vision. Chair Keeney conveyed this message to the City Council in writing and at the Council's September 22 study session.

Crossroads Park Water Play

Construction is 97% complete. The project has been opened for use throughout the summer, but the water was turned off for the season in late September, which will allow final completion of the playground and repairs to the safety surface. Phase 2, an NEP project to install two family picnic shelters is expected to be complete by early 2009.

Eastgate Area Park Property (Ex-Boeing Property) – Shared access road and parking

Road construction and methane system modifications and construction staging restoration are nearly complete, though we have not yet accepted the work from the contractors. Staff continues work with the Department of Ecology, Schnitzer West and Boeing to update the landfill restrictive covenant, landfill gas system reports, and associated documents. Staff has begun the audit process of SW's construction contract documents to establish the final City cost of the shared road, landfill gas system upgrades, and parking lot construction, currently estimated at \$2-2.5million. We continue to evaluate SW's request to modify their parking requirements contained in the Purchase & Sale Agreement. Council approved the update to the restrictive covenant at the 10/20 City Council meeting.

Eastgate Area Park Property (Ex-Boeing Property) Master Plan

The Master Planning process continued with our second public meeting held on July 17th at the Bellevue Community College Cafeteria. Interest in our new park remains high, as over 170 community members shared their preferences concerning five park design alternatives at the public meeting, and many more continue to express their views through emails and the web site. We continue to hone the design based on community feedback and city recreation needs to arrive at 3 plan alternatives to share at the next public meeting tentatively scheduled November 18.

Grant applications

Applications for funding assistance were submitted in May to offset the acquisition costs for the Cich Property on Meydenbauer Bay (\$1 million) and the Carrigan Property on Lake Sammamish (\$950,000). Depending on the level of funding approved in the State budget, we may receive \$1million for the Meydenbauer property.

Highland Skate Park

Project is complete and contract closeout is nearing completion.

Lewis Creek Park Playground Covers

The staff has recommended the installation of a sun/rain cover over the playground equipment area to resolve a potential conflict between the north ballfield and the playground area. Geotech work is complete and design is underway. An open house for the neighborhood will be held in Novemeber, and if the concept is well received, installation will occur by early 2009.

Mercer Slough Environmental Educational Center

A temporary certificate of occupancy was received September 16, and we are now completing final punch list items. The official Grand Opening Celebration occurred on October 11, and was well attended and received by all. The contractor is completing final punch list items and is working with the City's permit inspectors to achieve the final Certificate of Occupancy. We have submitted all required materials to the US Green Building Council for LEED certification, with results expected in early '09.

Meydenbauer Bay Park Master Plan & Land Use Study

The Steering Committee met September 18th, and provided direction to staff and consultants for refining park alternatives and moving from three alternatives to two. Each of the two alternatives will be shown at the October 29th public meeting and the October 30th Steering Committee

meeting with the road open to vehicle traffic and closed to vehicle traffic. Subsequent to the September meeting, staff and consultant team recommended preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS). At the October 6, 2008 City Council meeting, staff was authorized to amend the consultant agreement to add preparation of the EIS. The October 29th public workshop will follow a formal SEPA scoping meeting where citizens and agencies are invited to provide comment regarding what should be included in the EIS. At least 2 alternatives, with variables will be evaluated in addition to a no action alternative. The EIS process will maximize public participation, inform committee and decision-makers, and potentially reduce future SEPA work as the project is implemented.

Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Projects

Approved NEP projects being implemented by Planning and Design staff are as follows:

- **Playground equipment at Ardmore Elementary:** Approved 2005 funding is on hold pending the coordination with the School District's rebuild of the school site.
- **Ashwood Plaza Construction:** See paragraph above.
- **Somerset Entry renovations:** Design underway.
- **Cougar Ridge Elementary:** Sports wall design 2008.
- **Crossroads Pea Patch:** Design was on-hold pending a decision on the Youth Theatre. Design can now proceed.
- **Crossroads Water Play Area Picnic shelters:** See paragraph above.

Off-Leash Dog Area Study

The Park Board, Council and staff have been presented with several requests to provide off-leash dog facilities throughout the community over the past few years. Most recently, requests have been made to provide facilities in the Downtown Park and in the new Eastgate Area Park. The Planning and Resource Management staffs are working with off-leash area advocates to develop a City-wide plan to accommodate these interests. Preliminary results will be presented at the Park Board meeting in November.

Renovation Projects

The Planning staff is assisting the Resource Management staff complete several park renovation projects by the end of 2008, including paving, fencing, and several building-related projects.

Surrey Downs Master Plan

The SEPA process for the preferred master plan is ongoing. PCD is now reviewing comments received from the Surrey Downs Community Club and Park Committee. We hope to bring the preferred master plan and building parameters to Council for adoption in early December. An internal process to develop the building program strategy is underway. The public process to determine a building program is expected to begin early 2009.